



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – January 25, 2016

FirstNet News

- Attached for your use is a new FirstNet slick sheet which outlines key considerations for Governors as they prepare for the FirstNet decision.
- Last week, FirstNet posted three new entries on the FirstNet blog: [Continued Progress Toward the Nation's First Public Safety Broadband Network](#), which was originally published in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) magazine: [The Police Chief, vol. LXXXIII, no. 1, January 2016](#); [The FirstNet Reading Room](#); and the Virginia initial state consultation meeting. All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.
- Last week members of the User Advocacy (UA) Team along with officials from the City of Phoenix, Arizona delivered a presentation on FirstNet hosted by the International Association of Emergency Managers to its membership. The presentation focused on preparation and response for Super Bowl XLIX, which was held in the Phoenix, Arizona metropolitan area. The Phoenix Office of Emergency Management and Mike Worrell discussed how the FirstNet network could provide enhanced capabilities and reliable mission critical communications before and during an event. Also last week members of the Tribal Team joined the Minnesota State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in the second of three meetings with tribes in that state and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on a disaster response webinar hosted by the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA).
- This week, FirstNet will attend meetings and events with the Eastern Band of Cherokee (N.C.), the Osage Nation (Okla.), the Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services (EMS) "Working Together" Emergency Services Midwest Conference and Exposition (booth), a California First Responder Network (CalFRN) Board meeting, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region X Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group in Massachusetts, Louisiana law enforcement meetings, and a Washington OneNet strategy meeting.

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- The new PSAC task teams for local control and Identity, Credentialing, and Access Management (ICAM) will kick off this week. Fourteen individuals expressed interest in participating in each task team. Chris Lombard from the Seattle Fire Department will chair the ICAM Task Team and Barry Fraser from Alameda County Sheriff's Office will chair the Local Control Task Team.

Media Watch

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Wall Street Journal: Verizon Earnings: What to Watch

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/verizon-earnings-what-to-watch-1453301890>

Verizon has said it would participate in a coming government auction of wireless airwaves, but it hasn't given much color on how much it will spend. There is also another trove of airwaves out there for the taking. FirstNet, which is a nationwide public safety network, needs a carrier partner and that partner would get access to its spectrum. All the national carriers would be logical partners. FirstNet issued an request for proposals recently, but Verizon hasn't said for sure whether it plans to apply.

FedTech: FirstNet's RFP Could Lead to Spectrum Bonanza for Public Safety Wireless Vendors

<http://www.fedtechmagazine.com/article/2016/01/firstnet-s-rfp-could-lead-spectrum-bonanza-public-safety-wireless-vendors>

Now that the formal request for proposal is out, prospective vendors have three months to make their pitch for the federal contract... The competition is expected to be fierce because the reward is significant, and includes getting access to 20 megahertz of wireless spectrum.

Urgent Communications: FirstNet Outlines Four Phases of RFP Evaluation Process During Webinar

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/firstnet-outlines-four-phases-rfp-evaluation-process-during-webinar>

Bidders responding to the FirstNet request for proposal (RFP) that was released that week will need to complete a four-phase process to be selected to build and operate the proposed nationwide public-safety broadband network, officials representing FirstNet said during a recent webinar on the topic.

Computer World: U.S. Plan For A Public-Safety Network Could Mean A Windfall For A Big Carrier

<http://www.computerworld.com/article/3023361/mobile-wireless/us-plan-for-a-public-safety-network-could-mean-a-windfall-for-a-big-carrier.html>

A public-safety network across the U.S. that could speed up disaster response may also lead to a big payoff for a mobile carrier. The FirstNet network, set to go live in some areas next year, is intended to unify a crazy quilt of wireless systems for police, firefighters and

emergency medical teams. If all goes as planned, it will ensure the agencies can communicate even during disasters and can reach each other to coordinate efforts.

Fierce Wireless Tech: Motorola, Intel See FirstNet's final RFP As Major Milestone

<http://www.fiercewireless.com/tech/story/motorola-intel-see-firstnets-final-rfp-major-milestone/2016-01-19>

From Motorola Solutions to Intel, company executives have been busy perusing the hefty Request for Proposals (RFP) that the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) released last week for the deployment of a dedicated broadband network for public safety.

Web and Social Media

The RFP continued to be a very popular topic on social media this week among public safety entities and industry observers. Twitter gained more than 35 followers this week, which is higher than average, and is now at 3,108 followers; LinkedIn gained about 30 followers and is now at 1,282 followers; YouTube jumped to 205 subscribers; and Google+ remains at 62 users.